

# Birth to 3 Program WECAN Meeting

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# Agenda

- About the Birth to 3 Program
  - ◆ Birth to 3 Program team
  - ◆ Eligibility
- Guiding principles
- Rights
- Rules and regulations
- Resources



# About the Birth to 3 Program

- The Birth to 3 Program serves families with children under the age of 3 who have delays or disabilities.
- Families enrolled in the program partner with a team of professional service providers to support the child's growth and learning.

# About the Birth to 3 Program

Eligibility is based on one of the following:

- A developmental delay of at least 25% in one or more areas of development
- A diagnosed condition with a high probability of developmental delay
- Atypical development



# Guiding Principles

- Children learn best from familiar people and settings.
- Families are the center of the team.
- Primary role of a service provider is to support family members and caregivers.
- Goals and services must be individualized.
- Services are based upon research.

# About the Birth to 3 Program

- The Birth to 3 Program team includes therapists, special education teachers, a service coordinator, and other professionals.
- The team includes the family.
- The team, including the family, develop an individualized family service plan (IFSP).

# About the Birth to 3 Program

- The Birth to 3 Program provides services within the family's and child's interests.
- Daily activities of the child and family are used to develop the plan and are the activities where the intervention occurs.

# Parental Rights

- Prior Written Notice
- Consent
- Confidentiality
- Records
- Dispute Resolution Options
- <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p2/p23134.pdf>



# Rules and Regulations

- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Part C regulations (34 CFR 303)
- Wisconsin administrative code (Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 90)



# Resources

The Wisconsin Birth to 3 Program outreach webpage: [Birth to 3 Program: First 1,000 Days Wisconsin Child Find Campaign](#)

[Wisconsin Birth to 3 Program brochure](#)

[County Birth to 3 Program contacts](#)